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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: S. SHIMA, et al

Serial No.: 09/769,270

Filed: January 26, 2001

Title: DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR STORAGES

Art Unit: 2172

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL - EXPEDITED**  
**PROCEDURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 26, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.

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